

Lapp battled about .275 in 1915 and should be just as good this year. He will be able to give Ray Schalk some much needed assistance and can teach the new pitchers a few tricks.

The stock of Johnny Griffiths, climbing lightweight, has been given a big boost by a bout he did not even see. His stock boomed when Matt Wells, the Englishman, shaded Charley White.

A few weeks ago Griffiths fought a bout with Wells that was called a draw. If there was an edge Griffiths had it. That puts Griffiths up there,



JOHNNY GRIFFITHS

as White has beaten about all the top-notch men in his class.

Griffiths is to meet Freddy Welsh, lightweight champion soon.

Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, has fought across the country from coast to coast in the eight years he has been in the ring and has just come upon a left hand he says is the greatest in the game. It belongs to Ritchie Mitchell, the Milwaukee lightweight.

"I thought when I beat Abe Attell

for the featherweight title I had beaten the best left hand in the business, but I found a better one when I met Mitchell in Cincinnati the other day," said the champion.

"Mitchell had his left in my face all the time. There was not much sting to it when he used it for jabbing, but it was a tantalizing thing and it's going to do Mitchell a lot of good in his chase for the lightweight championship.

Attell had a number of different ways of using his left and it was always hard to tell what he was going to do with it. That left hand got him the championship and allowed him to keep it 12 years.

"Johnny Dundee has a good left. He makes odd use of it by leaping into the air and shooting it forward.

"Patsy Kline has a terrific wallop in his left, and Joe Rivers is not so bad, but none of them compares with this Mitchell chap."

Mitchell, according to Kilbane, makes it almost impossible for an opponent to try to "set" for a punch. The Milwaukee scrapper keeps shooting out the left in quick succession, and although there is not much power back of it sometimes, it is good enough to keep an opponent off his feet, and with it Ritchie is able, most of the time, to beat his antagonist to the punch.

There was something of a grudge between Kilbane and Mitchell as a result of a bout several months ago, and Kilbane went into their recent match determined to settle all doubt of supremacy. He tried harder for a knockout than in any other battle he has boxed in a long time.

The featherweight champion's efforts to step in and land a haymaker were repeatedly frustrated by Mitchell's left, which shot out time and again at just the right time to hold off his opponent.

"Mitchell has a bright future," said Kilbane. "At the rate he has improved in the past several months